

**REMARKS**

With respect to the Restriction Requirement, applicants elect to restrict the application to the invention of claims 1 through 24 drawn to an absorbent article.

An Election of Species is also required between the following Species:

- I. Figs. 3, 5, 2A, 2B
- II. Figs. 3, 6, 2A, 2B
- III. Figs. 3, 8
- IV. Figs. 3, 9
- V. Figs. 4A, 4B, 2A, 2B
- VI. Figs. 4A, 4C, 2A, 2B
- VII. Figs. 4, 7

Applicants elect to prosecute Species II, Figs. 3, 6, 2A, and 2B. The claims that read on the elected Species are claims 1-6, 9-13, and 15-21.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 18 and 19 are generic to all of the identified species.

The present election is made without traverse.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at her convenience should she have any questions regarding this matter or require any additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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